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HYBRID TEA ROSE PLANT NAMED 'TANTALIZING RED'

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CLASSIFICATION

The present invention relates to a new Rosa hybrida Rosaceae plant.

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VARIETY DENOMINATION

The new plant has the varietal denomination 'TANTALIZING RED'.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety of rose plant of the hybrid tea rose of the genus Rosaceae which was created by crossing as seed and pollen parents two (2) unknown rose varieties. The varietal denomination of the new variety is 'TANTALIZING RED'.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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Among the novel characteristics possessed by this new variety which distinguishes it from other varieties of which I am aware, is its attractive red-purple flowers.

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Asexual reproduction by propagation by budding of the new variety onto 'Dr. Huey' rootstock as performed in Wasco, California shows that the foregoing and other distinguishing characteristics come true to form and are established and transmitted through succeeding propagations.

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**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATION**

1        The accompanying illustration shows typical specimens of the flowers and foliage of the new variety depicted in color as nearly true as it is reasonably possible to make the same in a color illustration of this character.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY

1 The following is a detailed description of 2-year budded  
plants of the new variety, with color terminology in accordance  
with *The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart* (RHSCC). The  
5 terminology used in color description herein refers to plate  
numbers in the aforementioned color chart. Phenotypic expression  
may vary with light availability, environmental and cultural  
conditions.

10 The following observations are made of specimens grown  
outdoors in Wasco, California, during November and budded on  
understock of 'DR. HUEY.'

PLANT

Form:	Upright
Growth:	Vigorous, non-uniform
15 Size:	Height about 6 feet; width about 3 feet
Foliage	
20 Size:	Terminal leaflet length about 2 1/2 inches[[;]], width about 1 3/4 inches; leaf about 5 1/2 inches long and about 4 inches wide; <del>predominantly 5 leaflet</del> <del>leaves, occasional 7 leaflet</del> <del>leaves</del>
25 Quantity:	<u>Compound, from 5 to 7</u> <u>leaflets; most typically, 7</u> <u>leaflets About 7</u>
30 Color	

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	New foliage:	Upper side near 146A; under side near 182B
1	Mature foliage:	Upper side near 147A; under side near 147C
5	Shape:	Elliptic
	Texture	
	Upper side:	Smooth, semi-glossy
10	Under side:	Matte
	Edge:	Serrated
	Serration:	Slight
15	Petioles:	Top surface color near 144B; Under side near 144A
	Stipules:	Normal
	Auricle:	Slight serration near 59B to 137C
20	Rachis:	Smooth
	WOOD	
	New shoots	
25	Bark:	Smooth
	Wood:	Near 59C
	Old wood	
30	Bark:	Smooth
	Wood:	Near 146B

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	Flowering stem:	Length about 24 inches
1	Winter Hardiness:	Completely winter hardy
	Resistance to Disease:	Average
5	Preferred growing conditions:	Full sun
	Growth habit:	Upright
	Leaves per stem:	About 7
10	Thorns and prickles:	<u>Average number of</u> <del>Very few</del> prickles and thorns, new thorns about 3/16 inch, near 142B, mature thorns about 3/8 inch near 144B
15	FLOWER/INFLORESCENCE	
	Blooming Habit:	Recurrent
20	Bud	Average length about 1 3/16 inch, width 1 1/2 inches
	Form:	High centered classic rose form
25	Color:	Before sepals divide color near 60A; when sepals first divide color near 60C; when petals begin to unfurl color near 63B
30	Sepals:	Pointed on ends; regular appearance, usually 5 sepals, 1 1/8 inch long and 1/4 inch

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		wide, occasional extensions
1	Size:	Length in relation to bud, about 1 3/8 inches
	Color	Topside near 158B; bottom near 144C
5	Peduncle:	Smooth
	Length:	About 1 3/4 inches
	Strength:	Firm
10	Color:	Near <u>139B59C</u>
	Flower	
	Size:	About 5 inches
15	Borne:	Singly
	Form:	High centered, opening flat with maturity
	Petalage:	About 38
20	Petaloids in center:	Few, about 3 to 5 petaloids, color near 74C
	Fragrance:	Slight
25	Lasting Quality:	About 3 weeks on plant; about 6 days after cutting
	Color	
30	During first 2 days:	Inner petals at flower center topside near <u>65</u> <u>60B</u> ; bottom near <u>65</u> <u>60C</u> ; outer petals

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1		topside near <u>6560B</u> , bottom near <u>6560C</u>
	Base of petals (Point of attachment):	Near 158B
5	General tonality from a distance:	Near <u>65B60C</u>
	Color Change:	As bloom ages, fades slight to near <u>6560C</u> ; after 3 or more days, about the same
10	General tonality from a distance:	Dark red even after 3 or more days
	Petals	
15	Texture:	Soft
	Shape:	Wider than long
	Arrangement:	Normal
20	Appearance:	Satin
	Margin:	Serrate
	<u>Persistance:</u>	<u>Strong, as a cut flower and in the garden</u>
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	REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS	
	Arrangement of stamens, Filaments and Anthers:	Regularly arranged around styles, about 40 to 50 filaments and anthers, no
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		pollen observed
1	Color:	Filaments near 162B; Anthers near 158B
	Styles:	Thin
5	Stigmas:	Color near 158D
	<b>Hips/Seed Vessels/Ovaries</b>	
	Shape:	Round
10	Size:	About 1/2 inch
	Color:	Near 144A
	Seeds:	No seeds observed
15	<u>Disease Resistance</u>	<u>Cultivar exhibits average resistance/susceptibility to disease</u>
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I CLAIM:

1 A new and distinct Hybrid Tea Rose plant of the variety  
substantially as shown and described.

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ABSTRACT

1       A new and distinct Hybrid Tea Rose plant variety with red-purple flowers.

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